

## **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

### **HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONSOLIDATED PLAN (2010 - 2014)**

#### **2010 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

#### **Lake County Consortium (Lake County, City of North Chicago, City of Waukegan)**

**7:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 20, 2010**

**7:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 24, 2010**

**10<sup>th</sup> Floor, County Building, Assembly Room  
18 North County Street, Waukegan, IL**

The Lake County Community Development Commission will hold two Public Hearings to discuss and finalize the Lake County Consortium's 2010 – 2014 Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan and the 2010 Annual Action Plan component of the Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan.

#### **THE 2010 - 2014 CONSOLIDATED PLAN**

Funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) - Community Planning and Development Office is awarded to Lake County Consortium members on an annual basis for housing and community development projects meeting five-year Consolidated Plan Needs Statements, Goals, and Strategies. Throughout calendar year 2009 the Lake County Community Development Commission conducted a series of Public Hearings to discuss the development of the Consolidated Plan, and to develop Consolidated Plan needs statements, goals, and possible strategies based on received public input on housing and community development needs throughout Lake County and the Cities of North Chicago and Waukegan. At the same time, the Cities of North Chicago and Waukegan also conducted their own public input process for the needs statements, goals, and possible strategies for their communities.

Community Development Staff of the Lake County Consortium members (Lake County and the Cities of North and Waukegan) sought input from Lake County social service agencies, municipalities, the Community Development Commission, the Affordable Housing Commission, the Lake County Housing Action Coalition, the Continuum of Care/Advisory Planning Group and the general public for over seven months (January 2009 to February 2009 and April 2009 to August 2009) to review, revise, and establish new consolidated needs, goals, and strategies for federally funded housing and community development activities. At the conclusion of this seven month process, Lake County and the Cities of Waukegan and North Chicago began the development of the 2010 – 2014 Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan. The *Draft* Consolidated Plan is being presented for a 30-day public comment period, prior to its approval.

The *Draft* 2010 – 2014 Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan will then be presented to the following governmental bodies for approval, prior to being submitted to HUD:

February 24, 2010	Lake County's Community Development Commission
March 1, 2010	Waukegan City Council
March 1, 2010	North Chicago City Council
March 2, 2010	Lake County Board's Health and Community Services Committee
March 3, 2010	Lake County Board's Financial and Administrative Committee
March 16, 2010	Lake County Board

## **THE 2010 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

The Lake County Consortium will be submitting a combined Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Annual Action Plan will guide the allocation and expenditure of funds available for the 2010 program year through the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and the Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESG). Recommendations for funding allocations under these Programs will be reviewed and discussed at these hearings. Subsequent to the first Public Hearing, the proposed Annual Action Plan will be published for a 30-day public comment period, during which time the second Public Hearing will be held.

Some of the proposed activities under the CDBG Program are: housing rehabilitation services; public facilities/infrastructure improvements including street resurfacing and/or sidewalk replacement, storm sewer, water main, sanitary sewer, and roadway improvements; job training programs; services for low and moderate income persons and persons with disabilities; assistance for the homeless; health, legal, elderly, and other human services; social services programs; and fair housing activities. Proposed activities for funding from the HOME Program include: first time homebuyer assistance programs; affordable plus mortgage programs; acquisition/rehabilitation of affordable rental housing; acquisition/rehabilitation of housing for low and moderate income persons; construction of homeownership opportunities for low and moderate income persons; and housing rehabilitation assistance programs. Proposed activities for the ESG Program are related to the provision of emergency shelter for the homeless, transitional housing for the homeless, and essential services and/or prevention activities for the homeless and/or domestic violence shelters.

The CDBG Program was established in 1974; the HOME Program was established in 1992; and the ESG Program was established in 1987. These federally funded programs combine to provide over \$6 million dollars in **estimated grant funding** to Lake County Consortium members in 2010. Consortium members have not been informed in writing what the actual Fiscal Year 2010 grant allocations for these programs will be. At the direction of HUD and our national associations, we are projecting 2010 grant allocations based on previously received 2009 grant allocations. Accordingly, it is **estimated that the following approximate grant amounts may be available**, pending written notification from HUD: CDBG - \$2,562,606 for Lake County, \$304,681 for the City of North Chicago, and \$1,057,320 for the City of Waukegan; HOME - \$1,676,147 for the entire County; and ESG - \$113,326 for the entire County. In addition, the final amount of CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds will be supplemented with available reprogrammed funds and/or program income from prior years. However, should the actual 2010 grant allocations from the federal government be different than currently anticipated, adjustments in identified project funding will be needed for these Action Plan projects.

## **PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

**An important part of the process of developing the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan is citizen participation and input. All interested parties, including citizens, local officials, and agency representatives are, again, invited and urged to attend these two Public Hearings.**

The **January 20, 2010 Public Hearing** is a joint Public Hearing for Lake County and the Cities of North Chicago and Waukegan. It will involve a discussion of the contents of the proposed Consolidated Plan and the proposed Annual Action Plan, and the Community Development Commission's preliminary approval of the proposed Consolidated Plan and the proposed Action Plan.

The **February 24, 2010 Public Hearing** is a joint Public Hearing for Lake County and the Cities of North Chicago and Waukegan. It will involve a discussion of the contents of the proposed Consolidated Plan and the proposed Annual Action Plan, and the Community Development Commission's final approval of the Consolidated Plan and the Action Plan.

Public participation and input is encouraged at these two Public Hearings and all comments and questions will be considered. Persons in need of special arrangements (translator, specific disabilities, etc.) should contact staff at least three (3) days prior to the meeting date at 847.377.2150.

Written comments may be directed to the Lake County Department of Planning, Building and Development, Community Development Division, 18 North County Street – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Waukegan, IL 60085. For the City of North Chicago's or the City of Waukegan's section of these two Plans, written comments may be directed, respectively, to the City of North Chicago Community Development Office, 1850 Lewis Avenue, North Chicago, IL 60064, or the City of Waukegan Community Development Block Grant Office, 100 North Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, Waukegan, IL 60085. **Written comments on the proposed Consolidated Plan and the proposed Annual Action Plan must be received by 5:00 p.m. on February 24th in order to receive consideration.**

**Questions, comments, and requests for information related to these Public Hearings may also be submitted to:** Community Development Commission staff by calling 847.377.2150 or by writing to: Lake County Department of Planning, Building and Development – Community Development Division, 18 N. County Street – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Waukegan, IL 60085.

**Copies of the draft proposed plans will be available for public review and comment, as of January 19, 2010, at the following locations:** Lake County Department of Planning, Building and Development, 18 N. County Street, Waukegan (Phone: 847.377.2150); City of North Chicago Community Development Office, 1850 Lewis Avenue (Phone: 847.596.8670); City of Waukegan Community Development Block Grant Office, 100 North Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue (Phone: 847.599.2530); North Chicago Public Library; Waukegan Public Library; Highland Park Public Library; Round Lake Area Public Library; and Wauconda Public Library. Questions and requests for information should be directed to County or City staff at the above-referenced phone numbers.

Electronic information on the CDBG, HOME, and ESG Programs; the previous and current Annual Action Plans; and the previous and current Consolidated Plans can be obtained from Lake County's website at: <http://www.lakecountyil.gov/Planning/CommunityDevelopment/Default.htm>.

A copy of the *Draft* 2010 – 2014 Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan can be accessed through the following web page: <http://www.lakecountyil.gov/Planning/CommunityDevelopment/ConPlan.htm>.

A copy of the *Draft* 2010 Annual Action Plan can be accessed through the following web page: <http://www.lakecountyil.gov/Planning/CommunityDevelopment/ActionPlan.htm>.

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